

2007 Flash Flood / River Flood Fatalities

In 2007, flash floods, river floods, and urban/small stream floods claimed 87 lives, up from 76 in 2006. The 2007 flood casualty total is well above the 10-year average of 74 deaths but below the 30 year average of 99 fatalities. Of the 87 deaths, 50 (57%) were caught in a vehicle other than a boat and 21 (24%) were swept away by flood waters. Texas had by far the most victims, 46, distantly followed by Maine with 8 deaths and Arizona and Oklahoma with 6. Flash floods caused 70 deaths; river floods, 17. Flood deaths were spread evenly through the age ranges with 20-29 and 70-79 hit most heavily with 14 (16%) of victims. Males accounted for 59 (57%) of deaths and females, 33 (38%).

2007 Flood Fatalities by State and Location

State	BO	BU	CA	IW	MH	OT	PH	VE	Total
AZ (Arizona)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	6
IN (Indiana)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
KS (Kansas)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ME (Maine)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	8
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
NJ (New Jersey)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
NY (New York)	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	5
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
OR (Oregon)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TX (Texas)	1	0	0	12	0	3	0	30	46
WA (Washington)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
WI (Wisconsin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WV (West Virginia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	1	0	0	21	1	11	3	50	87
Percent	1.15	0.00	0.00	24.14	1.15	12.64	3.45	57.47	

2007 Flood Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	4	3	0	7	8.05
10 to 19	5	3	0	8	9.20
20 to 29	4	10	0	14	16.09
30 to 39	4	2	0	6	6.90
40 to 49	1	5	1	7	8.05
50 to 59	2	7	0	9	10.34
60 to 69	4	5	0	9	10.34
70 to 79	6	8	0	14	16.09
80 to 89	1	6	0	7	8.05
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	2	2	2	6	6.90
Total	33	51	3	87	
Percent	37.93	58.62	3.45		

Legend

BO -	Boating
BU -	Business
CA -	Camping
IW -	In Water
MH -	Mobile/Trailer Home
OT -	Other
PH -	Permanent Home
VE -	Vehicle/Towed Trailer